

city college news

29 GBC staff recognized with Awards of Excellence

Fifteen 2001 George Brown College & Board of Governors' Awards of Excellence were presented to 29 City College employees at an afternoon reception in the Student Lounge on the St. James Campus on June 11.

The awards were made in four categories: teaching excellence; outstanding service to the College community; leadership; and team achievement. The awards selection committees chose this year's winners from a list of 40 nominees.

The Board of Governors will review the applications of the college award winners. Four of these winners will be presented with the Board of Governors' Awards of Excellence, one from each of the award categories, at the Board's Staff Recognition Event to be held in the fall.

(The rest of the winners are pictured on page 3).



GBC 2001 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE PRESENTATION: (Top left) Leo Suokas, Faculty of Business and Creative Arts and James Waller, Faculty of Technology (not pictured here) were recognized for leadership. Carl Lewis and Marcus Luft, Facilities Management (above) were one of four groups who received certificates for "Team Achievement". Ed Wright (bottom left) represented his winning team, which included fellow Hospitality and Tourism professors Tom Gibson and Ian Grady, in the category of "Team Achievement".

50 students from 20 countries in summer language program



Last year's summer language students on a visit to the beach.

On June 18, The International Centre at George Brown College welcomed this year's summer English students.

This year, the program includes more than 50 people from 20 different countries. This program was first offered at the College in 1994.

The flexible structure of the program allows students to choose the number of weeks that suits their own situation, anywhere from four to 10 weeks. Morning classes are linked to afternoon excursions

and activities that focus on the cultural, social, artistic, and natural highlights of the Toronto area. The Art Gallery of Ontario, CN Tower, The Dream in High Park, Beaches Jazz Festival, and Niagara Falls are just a few of the exciting places the students will visit.

After the summer, several of the Summer English Program students will continue in our Intensive English Program or post-secondary programs. *John Porter, Manager, International Recruitment.*

Nursing instructor helps start new programs on two continents

It is accurate to say that Terri Dixon's influence stretches around the world! This September marks the launch of the new collaborative degree nursing program at the City College as well as a new curriculum in 11 family medical centres in Bosnia. Terri, a Community Nursing professor at the College, was instrumental in designing both programs. In doing so, she has met one of her personal goals, set when she first entered the profession: to be able to make a difference to nursing.

Terri, who was born in Toronto, says she originally chose nursing because she wanted to work with children. After graduating from the three-year diploma program at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, she moved to Montreal to get her Bachelor's degree in nursing at McGill University. Degree in hand, she began teaching at the Montreal Children's Hospital (MCH) in 1969.

Terri returned to Toronto in 1971. After teaching at Nightingale and University of Toronto and trying, with her husband, to get a position



Mandy Bonisteel, Marilyn Grant, Delynn Struyk and Terri Dixon in front of the medical centre in Mostar, 75 km southwest of Sarajevo.

overseas with CUSO, she joined the City College in 1975. "I've taught everything except psychiatric nursing," she says. In 1987, Terri's life changed on a number of levels. She decided to take her Master's of Education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE). Soon after, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She managed to complete her M.Ed. at the same time as she was undergoing chemotherapy to beat the cancer. "Looking back, the M.Ed. was a great distraction," she says.

In addition to teaching two community nursing courses in the R.N. program at the College, Terri has spent much of the past three years on the curriculum planning commit-

tee for the collaborative degree nursing program. A joint initiative involving the City College, Centennial College and Ryerson University, it will meet the need for nurses with degrees, the minimum qualification for entry to practice by 2005. The experience has been invaluable and allowed her to work with an old friend, Judy Pearce, Associate Director of the Program; she and Terri worked together at MCH in Montreal 30 years ago. "Working with the collaborative team, you get to see different ideas and solutions to the same problems," she says.

Teamwork and learning are cornerstones to Terri's teaching and career. She is a staunch advocate of co-opera-

tive learning, which helps build teamwork essential to nursing. This was one technique that she offered to nursing teachers in Bosnia.

Terri finally got the chance to teach overseas when she travelled to Bosnia in May 2000 for a project orientation session. She joined fellow City College professors Mandy Bonisteel, Marilyn Grant and Delynn Struyk in Bosnia for a CIDA-funded project training nurses in 11 Family Medicine Centres in five different cantons and helping nursing teachers upgrade their curriculum.

Terri has made three trips to Bosnia on this initiative, the most recent being a seven-week visit this past Spring. Her role was to help put the new curriculum into practice in the Bosnian nursing programs. "There is still much to be done," she says.

When she is not travelling or working on the new City College degree program, Terri enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters.

The results of her efforts will be evident this Fall, both in Canada and half-way around the world!

Years of service celebrated by 40 new College retirees

40 newly retired George Brown College employees attended the 2001 Retirement Luncheon, held at Siegfried's on June 6.

This year's group of retirees were: Audrey Albert; Phillip Ball; Lorraine Best; Lorraine Blanchard; Sandi Blackburn; Patricia Bowman; Patricia Bowness; Alex Bryden; Jim Bullard; Brian Burnie; Sandy Caven; Elwood Charlton; Gus Christopoulos; Canute Coke; Russ Cooper; Dan Daniel;

Diana Desjardins; Irving Findlay; Jorge Gouveia; Nola Grigoriadis; Kathy Justin; Seymour Laufer; Peter Leyden; Antonio Miniaci; Art O'Brien; Roberta Oullahan; Peter Pannozzo; Robert Paterson; Dominico Peccchia; Mary Raspor; Sheila Rich; Marilyn Rinaldo; Eleanor Robbins; Al Sorial; Antonio Slomiak; Glenn Terrill; Richard Vincent; Anita Watkins; Maria Wu; and Ruth Zinck.



20 YEAR CLUB RECEPTION: Doug Rau and retired City College employees Ian Irving, Bob "Nick" Nicholson, and Tom Murray join in the festivities at the 23rd annual reception held May 31 at Siegfried's.

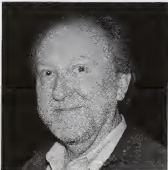
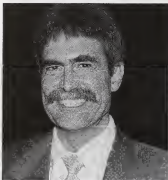
2001 GBC Awards of Excellence reception

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Among those who received awards recognizing their Outstanding Service to the College Community were: (top left) Erik Simundson, Faculty of Technology; (top right) Peter Blakeman, Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism; (second row, left) Neil McGillivray, Communications and Marketing; (second row, right) Carlo Romano, Facilities Management; and (not pictured here) Maureen Hynes, Faculty of

Community Services and Health Sciences.

Recognized in the category of "Teaching Excellence" were: (far left, third photo) Dave Fleming, Faculty of Business and Creative Arts; (far left, fourth photo) Bernard Mullen, Faculty of Community Services and Health Sciences; (far left, bottom) Ron Jeram, Faculty of Technology; and (not pictured here) Mario Gozzi, Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism.



Dean Paul C. Carder (above, centre) presented the "Team Achievement" award, Faculty of Business and Creative Arts, to: (top photo, left to right): Sue Ascenzi, Anne Sardo, Elisabeth Henriques, Mayee Ramrattan and Lone Vandenbroek. Chris Todd, absent. Dean Pat Coward (bottom, far left) presented an achievement award to the Faculty of Community Services and Health Sciences winning team of: (bottom, second from left to right): Syliva Browne, Nola Joseph, Rob Caspary, Elsa Alao, Patricia Chorney Rubin, Denise Brandon, and Andrea Brown. Nancy Krecker, absent.

College staff changes

For the period February 1 to June 30, 2001:

New Hires:

Jenifar Alam, *Faculty of Community Services & Health Sciences (FCSHS)*
Sylvia Browne, *FCSHS*
Sharlene Burke, *FCSHS*
Luisa Charepe, *FCSHS*
Kwan Chiang, *Information Systems*
Michelle Choi, *International Centre*
Deborah Clark, *FCSHS*
Katrina Harpell, *Faculty of Business & Creative Arts*
Barry Hemmerling, *Registrar's Office*
Nancy Hood, *Human Resources Department*
Sandra Jackson, *FCSHS*
Vikas Kukreja, *Faculty of Technology*
Joyce Lamb, *Marketing & Communications*
Judy Lopes, *Student Affairs*
Vern Nicholson, *Student Affairs*
Rose-Marie Nigli, *Student Affairs*
Janet Ouzunoff, *FCSHS*
John Porter, *International Centre*
Diana Pugliese, *Marketing & Communications*
Susan Qadeer, *Student Affairs*
Raouf Rashced, *Finance*
Rivie Seaberg, *FCSHS*
Martha Williams, *FCSHS*

Leaving the College:

Darrin Caron, *Training Services*
Tim Klassen, *Faculty of Community Services & Health Sciences (FCSHS)*
James Meikle, *Faculty of Business & Creative Arts*
Linda Mikulka, *FCSHS*
Denise Millar, *FCSHS*
Mehmet Onsekizoglu, *Faculty of Technology*
Rachael Palmer, *Faculty of Hospitality & Tourism*
Miguel Roman, *Information Systems*
Robert Ryan, *FCSHS*
Luis Vieira, *Facilities Management*
Julie Villari, *Registrar's Office*

Retiring from the College:

Lorraine Blanchard, *Training Services*
Gus Christopoulos, *Faculty of Business & Creative Arts*
Russ Cooper, *Faculty of Hospitality & Tourism*
Dan Daniel, *Faculty of Technology*
Irving Findlay, *Faculty of Hospitality & Tourism*
Antonio Miniaci, *Facilities Management*
Roberta Oullahan, *President's Office*
Robert Paterson, *Faculty of Business & Creative Arts*
Domenico Pecchia, *Facilities Management*
Soriel F. Sorial, *Faculty of Community Services & Health Sciences (FCSHS)*
Ruth Zinck, *FCSHS*

news briefs

Convocation 2001: More than 1,700 grads

More than 3,500 family and friends attended City College convocation ceremonies held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre June 15 and 16. Six ceremonies were held over two days and saw more than 1,700 students receive their diplomas and certificates.

This year's Governor General's Academic Medal went to Jennifer Lynn Hartman, Activation Co-ordinator/Gerontology. The 2001 Deans' Awards went to: Gloria A. Brifoglio, American Sign Language/English Interpreter; Elizabeth Lorraine Folds, General Arts & Science; Marta Cecilia Garcia Herreros, Human Resources; Jill-Anne Marie Mabey, Food & Beverage Management Program; Shauna Lydia Mclean, Nursing; and Jeff A. Schneider, Computer Programmer.

Technology update: Ready for Micro Mania

The week-long, introduction to microelectronics, Micro Mania, already has 16 senior high school students signed up to participate. This initiative runs from July 9 to 13. Call Chrissa Hu at (416) 415-4287 or information.

Web registration update: Schedules ready

To find out when full-time students register, check the web at www.gbrownc.on.ca and click on STU-VIEW.

Placement test booking is also being added to the new web registration system.

AWCCA coordinator appears on "Lofters"

Mandy Bonisteel, a coordinator in the Assaulted Women & Children Counsellor/Advocate (AWCCA) program, recently appeared on the reality TV and web show "Lofters". This June episode explored verbal, emotional and physical abuse in relationships and offered both lively discussion and advice.

New on-line course starts this September

"Violence Against Women: Health Impact, Response and Care" is a new, on-line certificate designed for health care workers who want to improve their knowledge and intervention skills. Designed in collaboration with the College's Nursing Program, LIAD faculty, and Lina Medaglia of the AWCCA Program, this new course will begin in September.

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If you have any story ideas or news to tell, please send it to Marianne at ext. 4476 or e-mail mfedunki@gbrownc.on.ca. Have a wonderful summer!

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